City as established by the State Tax Commission and in accordance with the schedules of compensation herein set forth. The salaries of all assessors herein provided shall be paid monthly, semi-monthly or bi-weekly by the several counties and Baltimore City. A sum equivalent to one-half of the annual salary shall be paid by the Comptroller for the State of Maryland from general funds to the several counties and to Baltimore City, such payments to be made to the said coun-The several counties and Baltities and City quarterly. more City are hereby directed to levy annually such sums as may be required to pay the remaining one half of these salaries. The following classifications and their respective schedules prescribing a minimum and maximum salary rate with automatic increases from minimum to maximum, at the rate of 20% each year for a period of five years, shall apply to the assessors of each county and of Baltimore City:

Class A	\$3,000 1	to \$3,750
Class B	2,750 1	to 3,500
Class C	$2,\!250$ 1	to 3,000
Class D		to 2,500

In addition to the above classifications, there shall be such additional class or classes, with different maximum and minimum salaries for Baltimore City, as may be determined by the State Tax Commission after consultation with the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City.

- (d) The State Tax Commission shall fix the classification of each county and of Baltimore City, only after consultation with the respective Boards of County Commissioners and the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City, respectively, and in making such classification shall take into consideration the number of individual lots or parcels assessed, the assessable basis, the number of assessors employed and other pertinent factors, relating to the work of said assessors.
- (d-1) The assessors in Baltimore City shall be appointed as provided by local law or ordinance, but before any assessor shall be appointed, the officer making such appointment shall submit the lists of names from which said appointment or appointments are to be made to the State Tax Commission for certification by said Commission, as provided relative to the appointment of assessors in the several Counties.

The State Tax Commission shall have the same right of removal of assessors in Baltimore City as it has of assessors in the Counties, with the right of appeal of any assessor so removed to the City Service Commission of Baltimore City.